
THE PURPLE GALLINULE IN OHIO.

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Since not over half a dozen specimens of this bird have been recorded for Ohio, any additional records of captured specimens are of interest. A fine male was brought to the museum a few weeks ago by F. B. Shuller who furnished the following data regarding two specimens shot at Hamilton, Ohio, by Chas. Golden:

Mr. Golden says: "As I recall, it was the first part of April, 1897, while strolling along a marshy place known as Old River, that I noticed a bird upon a decayed log which was lying in the water. The river is about fifty feet wide and the water four inches deep at the point where the observation was made and is a fine feeding ground for waders. My attention was attracted by what I first thought was a piece of red paper which the bird was carrying in its mouth. I threw a stick and the bird flew and alighted on a branch of a large elm tree overhanging the water and between myself and the sun where I could see the bright colors of its bill, and the beautiful purple plumage."

"A gun was procured and the bird shot and presented to Mr. W. B. Shuler who had it mounted by Mr. Geo. Sutter. The following March while duck hunting near the same locality, it was my good fortune to shoot another purple gallinule which I believe Mr. Sutter now has in his possession. The day on which the second specimen was taken was very disagreeable with occasional snow flurries which are characteristic of this season of the year."